PGI hospital at Kamal

689. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had announced in April, 2006 at Panipat, Haryana that Government had decided to set up a P.G.I. Hospital on the lines of All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Kamal in the memory of Kalpana Chawla;

(b) if so, what is the status of the proposed hospital alongwith the details of the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) by when, the construction work of the hospital is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) It was announced that' Government would find out a viable solution to establish a Medical College in the. memory of Kalpna Chawla. Since the Government medical colleges are generally established by the State Governments, the Government of Haryana has been advised to prepare a model for a new medical institution focussing on research areas and postgraduate training in aviation medicine, high altitude medicine, etc., with the support of NASA.

At present there is no proposal for setting up of an AIIMS-like institution in Haryana since AIIMS, New Delhi and PGIMER, Chandigarh are already catering to the tertiary health care needs of the people of this region.

Shortage of durgs for paediatric antiretroviral treatment

690. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national drive to provide free antiretroviral and anti-TB drugs to HIV affected children, the programme that was launched in December, 2006 in 82 ART centers across the country, have been put on adult dosages due to shortage of drugs;

(b) if so, whether 3050 HIV-positive children only are covered under this programme whereas the HIV-infected children in the country are 2,02,000 and the number of infected children being born every year are 56,700; and

'(c) if so, what are the steps being taken to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) No, sir. Pediatric ARV drugs have been made available at all 127 ART centres of the country.

(b) and (c) As per revised estimates, there are 70,000 HIV infected children in the country and nearly 21,000 new infections occur in children every year. Following the launch of pediatric ART initiative in November, 2006; more than 18 thousand infected children have been identified and currently nearly 6500 eligible children are receiving ARV pediatric drugs. ARV drugs are available for 17000 children and there is no shortage of these drugs.

Waste management project in Madhya Pradesh

†691. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Central Government for financial assistance for waste management pilot project for Government hospitals in Sagar, Khandwa and Chhindwara districts;

(b) if so, the present position of this proposal;

(c) whether Government have approved the said financial assistance; and

(d) if not, by when the financial assistance is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) to (d) The scheme for providing financial assistance for creating infrastructure in Government hospitals for disposing of Bio-medical waste has since been dropped and no proposal for providing financial assistance to any state for this purpose is under consideration.

PNDT cases

692. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of PNDT are registered against doctors in the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) how many doctors were arrested; and

(c) how many doctors have been convicted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Number of on going Court cases filed under the PC&PNDT Act are 402 as on 1,08.07.

(b) Three doctors have been punished with an order of imprisonment, one in Haryana and two in Punjab under the PC&PNDT Act.

(c) All the three doctors above have been convicted.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.